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**COPY OF ISO REFERENCE No.**  
**ISO 9981: 1998(E) "BELT DRIVES -**  
**PULLEYS AND V-RIBBED BELTS FOR**  
**THE AUTOMOTIVE INDUSTRY - PK**  
**PROFILE: DIMENSIONS" - 3 PAGES**

**AFFIDAVIT OF SEDLACEK, 37 CFR § 1.132**  
**- 3 PAGES**

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Dear Examiner Kruer:

This is filed in response to the non-final office action mailed 05/04/2007. The Examiner notes in the present office action that page 8 of the prior office action was inadvertently omitted. The Applicant appreciates the Examiner allowing the opportunity to respond, and as such the Applicant has responded to the omitted rejection under IV. Remarks, item #11 below.

With the addition of McKay the references now stand at 15, and yet none teaches or suggests the claimed rib angle of approximately 90°.

With the exception of i) the amendment to the specification, ii) new claims 43-45, iii) the argument relating to the amendment of the specification in section IV. Remarks, and iv) the new argument in Remarks item #11, the other rejections and arguments are presented *verbatim* as in the amendment filed 12 April 2007.

Amendment

I. In the Drawings.

1. None.

II. In the Specification

1. Please amend the paragraph at page 4, lines 1-14 as follows:

A pulley engaging surface 25 describes a ribbed profile which ribs extend longitudinally along a belt body length. The pulley engaging surface further comprises a fiber loading. The fibers may comprise cellulose, aramid, polyester, cotton,

nylon, carbon, acrylic, polyurethane, glass individually or in combination, or any other equivalent material(s) known in the art. The fibers have a length of approximately 18  $\mu\text{m}$  and a thickness of approximately 15  $\mu\text{m}$  in the preferred embodiment, although it is acceptable for the fibers to have a length in the range of approximately 10  $\mu\text{m}$  to 30  $\mu\text{m}$  and a thickness in the range of approximately 10  $\mu\text{m}$  to 20  $\mu\text{m}$ . The fibers are loaded in the elastomeric in an amount of approximately 25 to 30 phr with the preferred amount of approximately 28.7 phr.